

In the Drawings

Please amend the drawings by replacing drawing sheet 1 with the enclosed replacement sheet and adding a “new” drawing sheet containing a new Fig. 6. The replacement sheet places the words “PRIOR ART” beneath the Fig. 1 legend and subdivides original Fig. 2 into Figs. 2 and 2a. The new Fig. 6 merely shows attachment in the proximity of two lower ends of a U-shaped pocket (claim 21) and the bar biased away from the bottom wall by elastic pulling downwardly on the bar (claim 28). Since these features are clearly in the original specification and claims no new matter is added.

Remarks

The drawings have been amended so that all objections thereto have now been overcome. In particular Figure 1 has been labeled as prior art and attachment in the proximity of two lower ends of a U-shaped pocket is shown in new Figure 6 and the bar biased away from the bottom wall by elastic is also shown in new Figure 6. All of these structures are clearly disclosed in the original specification and claims. There is no new matter.

The objections to Claims 35 and 37 with respect to informalities have been overcome by amendment.

Claim 31 has been objected to as being indefinite with respect to "the transverse portion". This rejection has been rendered moot by amendment changing its dependency. Antecedent basis is now clearly present.

Claims 21, 23, 24, 32-35 and 37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable Over Grundell (3,779,393) in view of Figure 1.

Claim 21, as amended, requires openings (9) in the lateral limb sidewalls (11, 12) below the bottom and a bar (6) extending transversely through the openings in the sidewalls, wherein the weight of the bar provides a downwardly directed tensioning force upon the sidewalls (11, 12) of the pockets (4, 5). Grundell does not disclose or suggest any such structure nor any reason whatsoever for having such a structure.

Claims 23, 24, 32-35 and 37 all depend directly or indirectly from claim 21 and therefore all also have the above distinguishing structure.

The rejection should clearly be withdrawn.

Claims 19, 20, 30, 31 39 and 40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Pitts (4,400,107).

Claim 39 requires at least one attachment exterior to the pockets is provided below the pockets for stabilizing a lower end of the pockets by providing a downward tensioning force where the downward tensioning force is provided by elastic pulling downwardly on the pocket.

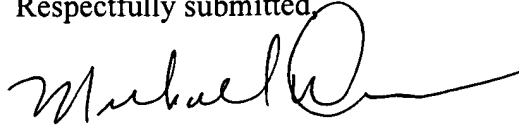
Pitts does not disclose or suggest anything at all with respect to elastic below the lower end of the pockets for stabilization and for that matter discloses or suggests nothing concerning elastic at all. Claim 39, as amended is thus clearly patentable over Pitts.

Claims 19, 20, 30, and 31 depend directly or indirectly from claim 39 and thus also contain the same limitation concerning at least one attachment exterior to the pockets is provided below the pockets for stabilizing a lower end of the pockets by providing a downward tensioning force where the downward tensioning force is provided by elastic pulling downwardly on the pocket and are thus also clearly patentable over Pitts. Claims 40 and 41 have been canceled.

The allowability of claims 25, 26, 28, 36 and 38 is noted with appreciation.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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